British assistance for Health and Family Welfare Programmes

1489. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain has agreed to provide financial assistance to India to improve the health and family welfare status of the people in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement entered into with the British Government in this regard; and

(c) by when the financial assistance is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A grant agreement allocating £18 million for financing the local Cost and £2 million for financing the training consultancies and Project monitoring of Orissa Family Welfare Project Phase-II was signed with U.K. Govt. on 9-2-1990. The funds are to be used over a period of five years to improve the Health and Family Welfare status of people in Orissa, especially Mothers, Children and Tribal groups. The project provides for development of physical infrastructure including construction of Sub-health Centres, Primary Health Centres, supply and replacement of vehicles in addition to development of State-wide inservice training programme for all health personnel.

(c) U.K. assistance is available to Govt. of India on reimbursement basis. The fund are to be claimed from the U.K. Govt. on the basis of the actual quarterly expenditure.

Reviewing the overcharged amounts

1490. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) when did his Ministry decide to review the amounts worked out against the drug companies which went to the Supreme Court;

(b) what action has been taken against the members of the special team who wrongly calculated the amounts due to their vested interests;

(c) what is the outcome of review now and what are the details of the earlier amount and the revised amount which is due drug-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received complaints against the members of special team who assessed the amounts due against drug companies;

(e) if so, what is the nature and number of complaints and the action taken on each complaint; and

(f) by when the whole matter would be investigated?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (f) A Special Team was constituted to determine the amount recoverable from all the drug companies involved in the Supreme Court case. The entire findings of the Special Team and subsequent developments are being looked into a fresh.

Categorisation of Drugs

1491. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs required for National Health Programme which were recommended by Health Ministry and were removed from Category-I;

(b) when were these drugs removed;

(c) what are the basis of their removal and upto what period;

(d) whether his Ministry took any approval from the Cabinet for their removal as they were included in Category I based on cabinet decision only; and